

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case 7627

In the Matter of :  
 US National Phase Entry :  
 Under 35 USC 371 from :  
 International Application of :  
 Matthew I. Wasserman et al. :  
 Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/16919 : Group Art Unit : **NOT YET ASSIGNED**  
 Filed on June 20, 2000 : Examiner : **NOT YET ASSIGNED**  
 For Process For Coating Detergent Granules In A Fluidized Bed

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please add the following Claims 13-31.

(NEW) 13. A process for coating a detergent particle comprising the steps of coating a detergent granule having at least one detergent active material in a fluidized bed with a water-soluble coating material to form coated detergent granules wherein said fluidized bed is operated at a flux number FN of at least about 3.5.

(NEW) 14. The process as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said fluidized bed is operated at a flux number FN of from about 3.5 to about 7.0.

(NEW) 15. The process as claimed in Claim 14 wherein said fluidized bed is operated at a flux number of from about 3.5 to about 5.0.

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